

THE DEMOCRATS AND THE ARMY.

Last week we gave the important features of the bill introduced in the House of Representatives by General Banning, of Ohio, which has for its object the reorganization of the Army of the United States. Banning is chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, and as such reported the bill. It is a Democratic measure. It is one designed to help the South. It is one calculated to cripple the army. It snatches of Democratic hate from beginning to end. Look for instance, at the substance of the forty-third section of the bill, which declares in plain words that if Congress shall refuse or neglect to make appropriations for the army, "such refusal or neglect shall be deemed equivalent to an express act for the abolition of the military establishment and the army shall be forthwith disbanded." This section, of course, was embodied in the bill in anticipation that the Democrats will soon be in a position to force the disbandment of the army. This is just what the rebel-spirited people in the South and their Northern allies want. Abolish the army and the Democratic party would then be free to do its worst in the South. To murders and outrages, there would be no end. The ballot box, if it possibly could be, would be farther out of the reach of the colored voters than it is now. The lives and property of the negroes, and of the white Republicans who within a few years have settled in the South, would be at the mercy of the worst element in the Southern Democratic party.

These are some of the results looked for by General Banning and his Southern friends. It is a model bill, one, which on its face, seems good enough, but "it is contrived on the model of the well-known receipt for curing a dog of fits, to cut off his tail close up behind his ears." General Banning framed his bill on the supposed belief that the United States is dangerous to our liberties—the liberties of the South, of course. Any power which will prevent them from doing as they please, is a dangerous power and must be taken away. It is not on the score of economy, however, that Banning and his friends are champions of this bill. There is no civilized country on earth which spends so little for army purposes as the United States, when we take into account the vastness of our coast, the extent of our territory, and the number of our population. It is wise, and absolutely necessary that the Government shall maintain a skeleton of an army organization. It would be folly to do otherwise. The United States were once caught napping and they paid dearly for it. The army is not now large, nor are the expenditures in maintaining it, extravagant. The regiments are gone too many, and the skilled officers now at the head of the military establishment, are not too great in number.

The New York Herald in referring to the bill a few days ago, advised some Democrats who take an interest in the next Presidential election, to bring about a bill as early as possible to reorganize the Democratic party, and to be very careful that the first section shall provide for the immediate retirement on half pay of General Banning and several other prominent commanders of the Democratic forces. The last section of the bill repeals one of the sections of the Revised Statutes of the United States which reads:

"No person who has served in any capacity in the military, naval or civil service of the so-called Confederate States, or of either of the States in insurrection during the late rebellion, shall be appointed to any position in the army of the United States."

The Herald concludes: "What we ask Mr. Banning is, what has that section to do with the reorganization of the army? What possible relation has it to his bill? We hope he will explain."

LEGISLATURE.

The Senate Thanks Ex-Chief Clerk Turner.

The Senate Committee Report Against Accepting the Washburn Gift.

A Bill for Trade Marks on Beer Kegs.

Miscellaneous Business in Both Houses.

FROM MADISON.

Special dispatch to the Janesville Gazette.

SENATE.

MADISON, Feb. 7.

Thanks were tendered to the retiring Chief Clerk, Hon. A. J. Turner.

Bills were introduced in relation to estate, in lower.

Authorizing the Governor to execute quit claims.

To provide more effectually and obtain reports from banks and banking associations.

Committee appointed to consider upon the gift of Edgewood property, near Madison, by ex-Gov. C. C. Washburn, for industrial school for girls, reported against the acceptance by the State, they not deeming such an institution necessary.

A bill was passed providing for trade marks on beer kegs.

Adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

Bills were introduced relating to sheriffs' fees.

Relative to terms of insurance companies.

Relative to railroad accidents on trains while in motion.

Relative to street railroad companies.

Relative to highways and bridges.

Organizing sick and relief cigar makers' association.

Relative to the use of town moneys in certain cases.

Relative to the government of the Wisconsin Hospital for the Insane.

Relative to court terms in the thirteenth and sixth judicial circuit courts.

The project to purchase the library of the late Moses M. Strong, assistant State Geologist, was killed.

Adjourned.

THE LA CROSSE SUN.

Madison, Feb. 6.—George W. Peck, Wisconsin's humorist, has been urged for some time to remove his paper, "The Sun," from La Crosse to Milwaukee, where he will have a larger field. He to-day determined to make the transfer, and after the 1st of April the Sun will shine for all from a Milwaukee office. George is a genial, whole-souled gentleman, and his future success in the metropolis of Wisconsin is hoped for by all.

KILLED IN A DUEL.

New Orleans, Feb. 6.—A J. Brownsville, Tex., dispatch says that the Hon. Nester Maxair was killed in a duel with M. De La Pena at Matamoros yesterday. Maxair was seconded by William Kelly and Pena by Dr. Combe. Two rounds were fired without effect, when Pena announced himself satisfied, but Maxair demanding another round, was shot through the body, and died almost instantly. All the parties are from Brownsville. The cause of the enmity is unknown. His untimely death casts a gloom over the entire community.

RACINE.

Personal, Educational and Financial Interests.

Racine, Feb. 7.—Hon. R. A. Baker will soon leave for Paris. He is one of the United States Commissioners to the World's Exposition.

J. I. Case & Co. are working three hundred men, and have already shipped by way of Cape Horn, a large number of "headers" to supply the California trade. They will soon send an elegant threshing machine and one of their headers to the Paris Exposition.

"Times are good in Racine; the banks have experienced no trouble; Dr. DeKoven's College is flourishing; politics is much talked of; the silver-dollar people are in the ascendant, and in general, things are lively."

"DIVIL A MIRACLE."

Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 6.—A peremptory summons in the Archbishop's own handwriting took Father Heenan and Bruce to Philadelphia yesterday to account for the failure that the Greth miracle had created. Father Heenan has returned, and it is reported will on Sunday next announce the Archbishop's conclusion to his congregation. It is understood that it is to be a confession that no miracle was done, and that he was deluded. The priests in his section were almost totally opposed to the farce, and while Heenan was yesterday asserting the genuineness of the cure a neighboring priest told him squarely, "Divil a miracle did you perform! You haven't faith enough." The return from the Archbishop signaled Miss Greth's departure for Reading. She left at 6 o'clock this evening, and her presence called to the depot an immense crowd.

RECRUITS.

A Special Train Loaded with Recruits for the Indian War—Movements of General Miles.

Bismarck, D. T., Feb. 6.—A special train with 250 recruits arrived this morning. To-day the command was fitted out and immediately commenced the march to Bozford and Tongue River. Twenty-eight wagons and two ambulances constitute the train. The whole number is 300. One hundred and fifty are for Gen. Miles' regiment and fifty for the Sixth Infantry at Fort Buford. Gen. Miles requested the re-

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THE WAR.

A Surprise for Europe—A Report that is Very Likely True—Will England Fight?

London, Feb. 7.—The Advertiser says: "We have reason to believe that the government has received information of the entry of the Russian army into Constantinople. At any rate, if the government is not in possession of this news, the Russian embassy is."

The Post says: "The Russians are in Constantinople. This was news last night current in London, and we are inclined to think it is based upon official authentic intelligence. The message has come via Alexandria. We do not know at this moment what the precise nature of the occupation is. According to some diplomatists the Russians have possessed themselves of two forts on the Bosphorus and Chirkmedje lines; according to others they have gained still greater advantages. Details are of small moment. Practically all are agreed that the capital of Turkey and the key of the East is in the hands of the Czar. Indignation will be of little avail. It will be alleged that no deception has been practiced, and we shall discover that this was one of the terms of the armistice which was never communicated to us. Yesterday a British military and naval force could at any moment occupy Constantinople, while an Austrian army could cut Russian communications. To-day the situation is entirely altered. A British fleet can no longer advance to Constantinople, and we find ourselves even barred out at the Dardanelles. The Czar can now afford to laugh at Austrian menaces, since his communications are open from Constantinople to Odessa or Sebastopol. Our pottering over a trumped six millions will probably cost us ten times that sum, but, at whatever cost, it is still to be hoped that the country will see its honor vindicated. This direct attack upon our honor will raise a feeling of resentment, not to be appeased until we have taught our foe that we have the will and power to punish chicanery and maintain the empire which he is seeking to undermine."

The Daily Telegraph says: "According to the latest information from Constantinople, the Russian forces, despite the completion of the preliminaries for peace, are hastily pushing on to Gallipoli and Constantinople. These circumstances, serious and menacing in the extreme, will have to be considered by the Ministers in the Cabinet council to-day. The issue of their deliberations will, in all probability be this evening communicated to Parliament."

THE CODE.

The History of a Duel—The Only Case of Hanging for Duelling—The First Combat in this Country.

From the Philadelphia Times.

I do not know of more than one case in which a man has been hung for killing another in a duel. In 1800, two young fellows living in Belleville, St. Clair county, Ill., had a personal difference. It seemed to be impossible to reconcile them, and their friends determined to get up a sham duel between them, hoping that the ridiculous issue of the affair would bring the dogmatic friends to their senses. One of them, Alphonse Stewart, challenged the other, William Bennett, to meet him with rifles. Bennett accepted the challenge and the parties met near the village. It is said that Stewart was in the secret and that Bennett was not—but believed it to be a reality. In any event, after the guns had been handed to the principals and they turned to take their positions, Bennett, who claimed that he suspected some sort of trickery, rolled a bullet into his gun. The second, hardly able to keep his face straight, concluded the "arrangements and at last gave the word. The rifles exploded almost simultaneously, Bennett, of course, remaining untouched. Stewart, however, fell to the ground mortally wounded, and expired shortly afterward in great agony. Bennett was at once arrested, put upon trial, and after a prolonged discussion was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged. His friends, astonished at this result, made the most strenuous efforts to have him pardoned. Failing in this, they tried to have the sentence commuted. But the governor remained firm against all entreaty. Threats nor persuasion could not move him, and on the day appointed for his execution Bennett was hanged in the presence of an enormous crowd. It may be remarked that this was the first and last duel ever fought in the State of Illinois. The hanging of Bennett put the stigma upon the practice, and it has been looked upon with abhorrence ever since.

It is not generally known that the first duel (of which any record is made), fought in this country was between two Puritans, named Edward Doty and Edward Lester. It was fought at Plymouth in 1621. These doughty gentlemen had a dispute, and determined to settle it by an appeal to arms. The weapons chosen were the sword and dagger. They went into each other and had a real pleasant time. When the affair was over, the Puritans sat in council to determine what should be done with the offenders. There was no statute covering the case, and the said New Englanders, even then impressed with the right, since held by their descendants, to make law where none existed, decreed that Doty and Lester should be tied together, head and feet, for twenty-four hours, without food or drink, and exposed to the whole colony, through this novel pillory. This summary treatment threw such discredit on the practice of duelling that it stopped it in New England quite as effectually as the hanging of Bennett did in Illinois.

THE PRESIDENT.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 6.—The President is represented by some who have talked with him within a day or so as very much dissatisfied with the course of the Senate in regard to confirmations. A large number of nominations are in possession of the Senate, and of late there have been scarcely any indications of an intention to give even the most ordinary attention to them. The President has intimated to friends that he has about graded up his mind not to make any more nominations until the Senate gives some indications of a purpose to perform its duty and act upon those already made with at least moderate promptness. Many changes in offices of considerable prominence have been in contemplation for a considerable time—some of them ever since last summer—and the candidates and their friends have been kept in a state of uncertainty, and many most unpleasant complications have arisen from the long delay.

BIG STEAL.

A New York Bank Teller Confesses that He is One Hundred Thousand Short

New York, Feb. 6.—William Dowd, President of the Bank of North America, states that on Saturday, the 2d of February, upon the commencement of the examination by the Bank Department, Paying Teller, Augustus M. Turney, confessed that he was a defaulter to the amount of \$100,000. He has been in the service of the bank twenty-five years, and was much respected. Since the discovery the bank has been thoroughly examined by the official State Examiners. They find the unimpaired capital of the bank, after the deduction, over all debts and liabilities, to be \$110,895. The bank has recovered since the discovery of the defalcation \$18,029, reducing the amount lost to \$84,570, increasing the sound cash capital, according to the examiner's estimate, to \$732,924. Turney was arrested to night and locked up.

LIBEL SUIT.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 6.—Col. I. E. Meesmore, of the Democrat of this city, formerly of La Crosse and Colonel of one of the Wisconsin regiments, began a suit to-day against Don C. Henderson and E. C. Reid, of the Allegan Journal for \$10,000 damages on a charge of libel. It probably is based on the article which was afterwards copied into the Enquirer here, which accused Col. Meesmore of a cowardly abandonment of the Union army on the battlefield, and of defrauding the Government while an officer of the Revenue Department.

PARDONED.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The President has, on the recommendation of many prominent citizens, granted pardon to Eph Holland, the Cincinnati repeater, who elected Banning to Congress. The pardon, however, does not take effect until after the expiration of the term of thirteen months' imprisonment for which he was sentenced, which expires soon.

AGAINST BARNUM.

Cincinnati, Feb. 6.—R. J. Miles, of the Grand Opera House, by his counsel, Thomas A. Logan, Esq., to-day received a verdict of \$40,000 damages against P. T. Barnum, W. C. Coup, and others, for a libel published two years ago. The case has been on trial ten days, and has attracted great attention.

AN HONEST DEMOCRAT.

Washington, Feb. 6.—In the House to-day Mr. Leonard, Democrat, of Louisiana, created consternation among his party friends by assailing the report to seat Wigington, Democrat, from California. He handled the matter without gloves.

The Author of "That Husband of Mine."

The Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat writes: "Mrs. C. W. Dennison, the author of 'That Husband of Mine' and 'That Wife of Mine,' is now in Washington. Mrs. Dennison is the wife of a Methodist clergyman, and the sister of the Episcopal chaplain at the navy yard, and both these men of the cloth have been drawn from for characters of the last two books. She had written Sunday school books and magazine stories for several years before this summer, when the impulse seized her to try something a little different. But a few weeks were occupied in writing the first one, and with almost no revision it was sent to press. The manuscript was finished in July, and within a very few weeks the book, with its odd name, was in every book store, news stands, and on every train. Its success was instantaneous, and its rapid sale called for one edition after another, until the profits were considerable. Then came its companion, 'That Wife of Mine,' written as soon as the success of the first was assured, which its author considers the best of the two. With her share of the profits Mrs. Dennison bought herself a house in the northern part of the city, and has comfortably established herself in it. The lady herself is a rosy, plump matron of possibly thirty odd years, of large build and good height. Her hair is brown and her eyes a grayish blue, with a kindly fun in their look, but the creamy complexion and red cheeks make her appearance very prepossessing. She is still at work, writing almost incessantly, as has been her custom for so long, and will bring out another book in the spring. Mr. Dennison, 'that husband,' is a tall, peculiar-looking individual, who does a kind of missionary work in the city, and preaches only when invited to some pulpit, having no special church under his care. His attention has been much given to the crimes and cruelties of the system of Italian padronism practiced in this country, and has published a book called 'Child Slavery in Italy,' a very elaborately bound copy of which was sent to Victor Emanuel but a short time before his death.

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Kellogg Mrs. Bridget

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Bark Lawrence
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Covey John
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